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County

~~WILLIAM~~ of **NIAGARA**

Local Law No. **1** of the year 19 **66**

A local law **to provide for the continuity of government of the County of Niagara, New York in the event of an attack or public disaster.**

Be it enacted by the **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** of the

County

**Section 1. Intent.** The New York state defense emergency act, in section twenty-nine-a thereof, authorizes political subdivisions of the state to provide for the continuity of their governments in the event of an actual or imminent attack upon the United States by a foreign nation. The general municipal law, in section sixty-four, authorizes political subdivisions to provide for the continuity of their governments in the event of other public disasters, catastrophes or emergencies. On the authority contained in such laws this local law is enacted so that on such occasions the government of the County of Niagara, New York, may continue to function properly and efficiently under emergency conditions.

**Section 2. Definitions.** As used in this local law the following terms shall mean and include:

- a. "Attack." Any attack, actual or imminent, or series of attacks by an enemy or foreign nation upon the United States which may cause, substantial damage or injury to civilian persons in the United States in any manner by use of weapons of bombs, shell fire, or nuclear, radiological, chemical, biological, or biological means or other weapons or methods.
- b. "Public Disaster." A disaster, catastrophe or emergency, actual or imminent, of such unusual proportions or extent that (1) a substantial number of the residents of the County of Niagara are injured, become ill, are infected with disease, have their property imperiled, are killed or die as the result of injury, illness, exposure, or the property of a substantial number of persons is imperiled, damaged, or destroyed, and (2) it is deemed essential in the interest of public safety, health and the continuity of the government of the County of Niagara that the Board of Supervisors be enabled to exercise its essential powers in meeting emergency conditions. Such disasters, catastrophes and emergencies may include, but not be limited to, conflagrations, explosions, earthquakes, convulsions of nature, floods, tidal waves, pestilence, insurrections, storms, prolonged failure of electric power or essential transportation services, or any incident or occurrence which causes or threatens to cause danger to life, health or property from exposure to noxious materials or radiation.

- c. "Duly authorized deputy." A person authorized to perform all the powers and duties of a public office in the event the office is vacant or at such times as it lacks administration due to the death, absence or disability of the incumbent officer, where such authorization is provided pursuant to the provisions of any general, special, or local law other than this local law.
- d. "Emergency Interim Successor." A person designated pursuant to this local law for possible temporary succession to the powers and duties, but not the office, of a county officer in the event that neither such officer nor any duly authorized deputy is able, due to death, absence from the county, or other physical, mental, or legal reasons, to perform the powers and duties of the office.

**Section 3. Designation, status, qualifications and terms of designation of emergency interim successors.**

- a. Elective officers. Within thirty days following the effective date of this local law, and thereafter within thirty days after first entering upon the duties of his office, each elective officer shall, in addition to any duly authorized deputy, designate such number of emergency interim successors to the powers and duties of his office and specify their rank in order of succession after any duly authorized deputy so that there will be not less than three duly authorized deputies or emergency interim successors, or combination thereof, to perform the powers and duties of the office.
- b. Appointive officers. Each officer or body of officers empowered by law to appoint officers shall within the time specified in subdivision a of this section, in addition to any duly authorized deputy, designate for each such appointive officer such number of emergency interim successors to such officers and specify their rank in order of succession after any duly authorized deputy so that there will be not less than three duly authorized deputies or emergency interim successors, or combination thereof, for each such officer. Where such a body of officers consists of members having overlapping terms, such body of officers shall review and, as necessary, revise the previous designations of emergency interim successors by such board within thirty days after a new member elected or appointed to such body of officers first enters upon the duties of his office as a member of such body of officers.
- c. Review of designations. The incumbent in the case of those elective officers specified in subdivision a of this section, and the appointing officer or body of officers specified in subdivision b of this section shall from time to time review and, as necessary, promptly revise the designations of emergency interim successors to ensure that at all times there are at least three duly authorized deputies or emergency interim successors, or combination thereof, for each elective and appointive officer of the county.
- d. Qualifications. No person shall be designated to, nor serve as, an emergency interim successor unless he is legally qualified to hold the office of the person to whose powers and duties he is designated to succeed.
- e. Status of emergency interim successor. A person designated as an emergency interim successor shall hold that designation at the pleasure of the designator and such a designation shall remain effective until replaced by another by the authorized designator.

- f. Compensation. An emergency interim successor shall serve without extra salary, unless otherwise provided by local law. He shall, however, be entitled to reimbursement for actual expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of his powers and duties.

Section 4. Assumption of powers and duties of officer by emergency interim successor. If in the event of an attack or a public disaster, an officer described in subdivision a or subdivision b of section three of this local law or his duly authorized deputy, if any, is unable, due to death, absence from the county, or other physical, mental, or legal reasons, to perform the powers and duties of the office, the emergency interim successor of such officer highest in rank in order of succession who is able to perform the powers and duties of the office shall, except for the power and duty to discharge or replace duly authorized deputies and emergency interim successors of such officer, perform the powers and duties of such officer. An emergency interim successor shall perform such powers and duties only until such time as the lawful incumbent officer or his duly authorized deputy, if any, resumes the office or undertakes the performance of the powers and duties of the office, as the case may be, or until, where an actual vacancy exists, a successor is duly elected or appointed to fill such vacancy and qualifies as provided by law.

Section 5. Recording and publication of designations. The name, address and rank in order of succession of each duly authorized deputy and emergency interim successor shall be filed with the county clerk and each designation, replacement, or change in order of succession of any emergency interim successor shall become effective when the designator files with such clerk the successor's name, address and rank in order of succession. Such clerk shall keep an up-to-date file of all such data regarding duly authorized deputies and emergency interim successors and the same shall be open to public inspection. The clerk shall notify in writing each designated person of the filing of his name as an emergency interim successor and his rank in order of succession and also shall notify in writing any person previously designated who is replaced or whose place in order of succession changes.

Section 6. Qualification for taking office. At the time of their designation, or as soon thereafter as possible, emergency interim successors shall take such oath and do such other things, if any, as may be required to qualify them to perform the powers and duties of the office to which they may succeed.

Section 7. Quorum and vote requirements. In the event of an attack or a public disaster the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, or his duly authorized deputy or emergency interim successor performing his powers and duties, may suspend quorum requirements for the Board of Supervisors. If quorum requirements are suspended, any local law, ordinance, resolution, or other action requiring enactment, adoption or approval by an affirmative vote of a specified proportion of members may be enacted, adopted or approved by the affirmative vote of the specified proportion of those voting thereon.

Section 8. Separability clause. If any section, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this local law shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof but shall be confined in its operation to the section, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase or portion thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered.

Section 9. Effective date. This local law shall take effect upon its adoption and the filing of one certified copy thereof with the County clerk, one certified copy in the office of the state comptroller and three certified copies in the office of the secretary of state.

(Complete the certification in the paragraph which applies to the filing of this local law and strike out the matter therein which is not applicable.)

(Final adoption by local legislative body only.)

1. I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. 2 of 1966 of the ~~City~~ ~~Town~~ ~~Village~~ County of NIAGARA was duly passed by NIAGARA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS (Name of Legislative Body) on September 20 1966 in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

(Passage by local legislative body with approval or no disapproval by Elective Chief Executive Officer or repassage after disapproval.)

2. I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. \_\_\_\_\_ of 19\_\_\_\_ of the ~~City~~ ~~Town~~ ~~Village~~ County of \_\_\_\_\_ was duly passed by \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of Legislative Body) on \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_ and was approved \_\_\_\_\_ by the \_\_\_\_\_ Elective Chief Executive Officer ~~not disapproved~~ ~~repassed after disapproval~~ and was deemed duly adopted on \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_, in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

(Final adoption by referendum.)

3. I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. \_\_\_\_\_ of 19\_\_\_\_ of the ~~City~~ ~~Town~~ ~~Village~~ County of \_\_\_\_\_ was duly passed by the \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of Legislative Body) on \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_ and was approved \_\_\_\_\_ by the \_\_\_\_\_ Elective Chief Executive Officer ~~not disapproved~~ ~~repassed after disapproval~~ on \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_. Such local law was submitted to the people by reason of a mandatory ~~permissive~~ referendum and received the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors voting ~~general~~ ~~annual~~ thereon at the special election held on \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_, in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

(Subject to permissive referendum and final adoption because no valid petition filed requesting referendum.)

4. I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. \_\_\_\_\_ of 19\_\_\_\_ of the ~~City~~ ~~Town~~ ~~Village~~ County of \_\_\_\_\_ was duly passed by the \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of Legislative Body) on \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_ and was approved \_\_\_\_\_ by the \_\_\_\_\_ Elective Chief Executive Officer ~~not disapproved~~ ~~repassed after disapproval~~ on \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_. Such local law being subject to a permissive referendum and no valid petition requesting such referendum having been filed, said local law was deemed duly adopted on \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_, in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

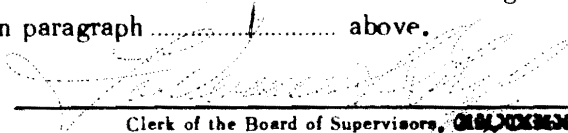
\*Elective Chief Executive Officer means or includes the chief executive officer of a county elected on a county-wide basis or if there be none the chairman of the board of supervisors, the mayor of a city or village or the supervisor of a town, where such officer is vested with power to approve or veto local laws or ordinances.

(City local law concerning Charter revision proposed by petition.)

5. I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. .... of 19..... of the City of ..... having been submitted to referendum pursuant to the provisions of <sup>§ 36</sup>/<sub>§ 37</sub> of the Municipal Home Rule Law and having received the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors of such city voting thereon at the <sup>special</sup>/<sub>general</sub> election held on the ..... 19..... became operative.

(If any other authorized form of final adoption has been followed, please provide an appropriate certification.)

I further certify that I have compared the preceding local law with the original on file in this office and that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of such original local law, and was finally adopted in the manner indicated in paragraph ..... above.

  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, ~~CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS~~ Officer designated by Local Legislative Body

Date: **September 26, 1966**

(Seal)

(Certification to be executed by County Attorney, Corporation Counsel, Town Attorney, Village Attorney or other authorized Attorney of locality.)

STATE OF NEW YORK  
COUNTY OF NIAGARA.....

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing local law contains the correct text and that all proper proceedings have been had or taken for the enactment of the local law annexed hereto.

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(Title of Officer) **County Attorney**  
County  
~~Clerk~~ of **Niagara**  
~~Dean~~  
Village

Dated: **September 26, 1966**